



Six Nations "Iroquois" Confederacy
GRAND RIVER COUNTRY

Ohswegen, Ontario

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Her Majesty The Queen
Buckingham Palace
London SW1A 1AA
United Kingdom

Your Majesty,

Greetings on behalf of the Chiefs, Clanmothers, and People of the Haudenosaunee, who you know as the Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas, Senecas, and Tuscarora Nations.

As your oldest Allies in this part of the world, we are your brothers and sisters and we share in your grief at the loss of your husband. Your husband was a good man, and you have had a fine and full life together.

As your brothers and sisters, we are clear-minded and reach out to you and your family and offer our sincere condolences. We also extend our condolences to the Peoples of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth who revered Prince Philip, and continue to treasure you as their Head of State.

In our traditions handed down from time immemorial, we offer our words of condolence to help those in mourning, whose minds and spirits are cast down in sorrow.

With the purest and softest white deer skin, we symbolically clear the tears from your eyes, so that once again you may see clearly.

With an eagle feather, we clear your ears of the obstruction of grief and sorrow, so that once again you may hear clearly.

With cool spring water, we clear the passage of your throat, removing that lump of grief, so that once again you may speak without hesitation.

In this life, we know there comes a time when all seems dark, and the days ahead are empty. You must believe that the sun will rise again tomorrow. You must believe that all your children, your grandchildren, and all your people still need and love you.

As the Crown's oldest allies in this part of the world, we rekindle our council fire, to lend you and your family warmth and light and send you what support we can. May you find comfort in our words.

We now take our leave, and wish you a brighter tomorrow.

In Peace and Friendship,

Hohahes, Leroy Hill

Hohahes Leroy Hill, Secretary
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